

REMARKS

These remarks are made responsive to the non-final office action mailed March 20, 2007.

Claims 1, and 32-35 are pending in this application. As per the Preliminary Amendment submitted with the filing, claim 1 remains unamended, claims 2-31 were cancelled, and new claims 32-35 have been added.

Priority

The reference to the prior application was previously submitted upon filing in the application transmittal letter, and the Office recognized the information concerning the benefit claim on the first filing receipt mailed June 4, 2007. The specification has been amended to include a reference to the prior application 09/858,850 to which this application claims the benefit of priority as a continuation under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b).

Double Patenting

A terminal disclaimer is enclosed herewith to overcome the nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting rejection over claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 6,662,289. It is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

Conclusion

In light of the remarks and amendments presented above, pending claims 1 and 32-35 are in condition for allowance, and applicant respectfully requests a prompt notice of allowance.

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